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Of the samples examined, 1701 were so-called "second analyses" of seeds which had been delivered to farmers, associations or small traders. Thirteen seedsmen have made an agreement with the Station according to which they must send the latter the addresses of all their clients to whom they have sold guaranteed seeds, and this immediately after delivery. The Station then sends the purchasers instructions for taking samples and a small bag for the same. The examination is charged to the vendor. The results of the examinations are communicated to all the purchasers of the 13 seedsmen and they are also p blished in the yearly report of the Seed-testing Station. Most of the consignments made during the year have come up to the guarantee. Some of the seedsmen, however, have had to pay some compensation under the agreement with the Station.

The examination of seeds sold by traders who had no connexion with the Station showed that nearly one half of the samples did not correspond to the guarantee given with them. Out of the 17½ million lbs. of seeds sold in Denmark for grass leys, nearly 12 million lbs. are delivered by the controlled firms. A great proportion of root crop seeds were also tested by the Station.

The present state of seed testing has been brought about without any special legislation or other public measure.

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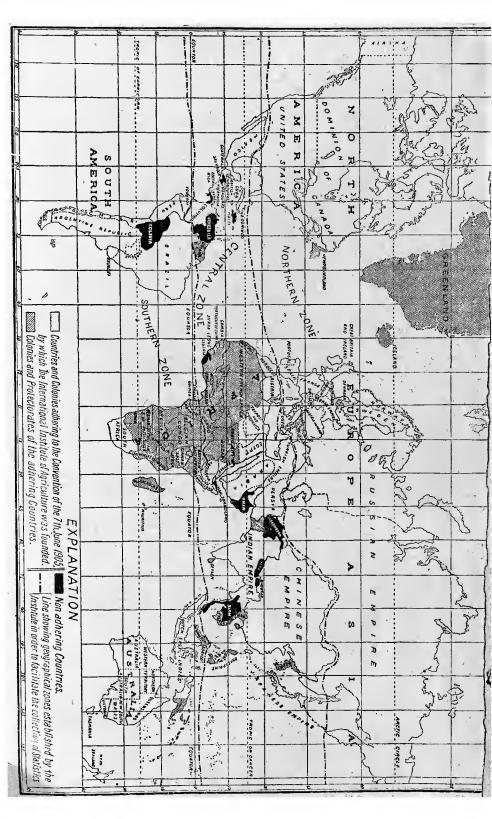
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